

Senate Resolution 1090

By: Senator Harp of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Jeremy Williams; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Jeremy Williams has demonstrated that with faith in God and self, even the
3 most difficult struggles and adversity can be overcome; and

4 WHEREAS, a talented athlete and coach, Mr. Williams was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's
5 disease three years ago but has not allowed his condition to dampen his spirits or his will to
6 accomplish great things during his life; and

7 WHEREAS, he started his football career as a quarterback for Kendrick High School in
8 Columbus, Georgia, and dreamed of continuing football after graduation but was warned he
9 was too small for college football; and

10 WHEREAS, through persistence, determination, and an iron will, Mr. Williams earned a
11 position on the football team at Memphis State University, where he was given the nickname
12 "Georgia Assassin" by his coaches and teammates and earned distinction as an Academic
13 All-American; and

14 WHEREAS, after his graduation from Memphis State, Mr. Williams served as an assistant
15 coach for Manchester High School, helping to lead the team to a state championship title in
16 1997; and

17 WHEREAS, he coached at Harris County High School for three years before accepting the
18 position of head coach for Greenville High School, where he recently completed an
19 undefeated regular season and earned a Region 4-A Championship and trip to the state
20 playoffs; and

21 WHEREAS, when he is not on the field, Mr. Williams spends his time spreading a message
22 of hope throughout his community and this state, encouraging others to push past their

23 struggles and reach for their dreams, which earned him recognition as the 2009 Citizen of the
24 Year for Meriwether County; and

25 WHEREAS, a resident of Pine Mountain Valley, Mr. Williams is united in love and marriage
26 to his supportive wife, Jennifer, and he has been blessed with two children, Josie and Jacob;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has inspired countless individuals with his quiet determination
29 in the face of adversity, including his son, Jacob, who was born with Spina Bifida, which
30 paralyzes him from the waist down, yet has been affectionately referred to as the "Mayor of
31 Pine Mountain Valley, Pine Valley, and Greenville" for his outgoing personality and his
32 amazing outlook on life.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize Mr. Jeremy Williams for his incredible spirit and determination and commend him
35 for the example of courage and strength he has set for his players, family, friends, and
36 neighbors.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jeremy Williams.